

MEETING  
OF THE SUPERINTENDENT'S  
SPLOST OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Sam Moss Center, 1780 Montreal Rd Tucker GA, 30084

January 23, 2014

Ms. Blakeney called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

Present at the meeting were: Cathy Blakeney, Chris Avers, Kerry Williams, Delilah Wynn-Brown, Herman Lorenz, Kimberly Mitchell, Charlie Rogers, Billy Jones, Narwana El-Shabazz, Yvonne Folwkes. Not present: Paul Baisier, Wyvern Budram.

DCSD staff present: Stephen Wilkins, John Jambro, David Lamutt, Brain Albanese and Jessica Leterle.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES

Agenda approved with one addition, the SPLOST IV CIP Team Project Communication Plan with DCSD Staff Member (5 min). December Meeting approved with minor edits.

NAMING OF TIMEKEEPER AND RECORDER OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Ms. Avers was named as the official time keeper and recorder, with backup to be provided by Ms. Wynn-Brown.

FOLLOW-UP FROM PRIOR MEETING

- A. Mr. Roger's draft of a Community Feedback Policy – There was a discussion of draft with a few edits. Mr. Lorenz has some issues with the bylaws, and believed that this feedback policy should stem from changes made to the bylaws. Ms. Wynn-Brown suggests that the Committee accept the draft as an initial step, and further changes can be made moving forward if there is a decision to change the bylaws in the future. Mr. Rogers says that this draft is based upon the revisions made to the bylaws, which the members plan on sending the Superintendent for approval. Ms. Wynn-Brown reiterates that having this in place would help to move forward in dealing with this issue while further discussion is held over how to change the bylaws. This policy allows the committee members to take steps with the comments that they receive. As a committee, Members can take steps to establish for processing and tracking resolution of comments from the community. Mr. Jones suggests more clarification on how to structure the response (#7 of the policy draft). Mr. Rogers says that this is meant to ensure follow-up on questions and comments, and that they are being forwarded along to the appropriate people. Ms. Avers has added that she will be capturing this on her spreadsheet for recording recommendations. Ms. Blakeney suggests that #8 be added, to record and track that this is added to the list Ms. Avers will be keeping a record of this. Ms. Wynn-Brown moves that the committee finalize and accept this policy, with added language. Mr. Rogers will make the

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necessary edits. Move to accept with additions and edits – all Members accept. Mr. Roger will have new version ready for Member review tomorrow.

- B. Replacement of Mr. Nooks with Ms. Yvonne Fowlkes – Introduction
- C. Committee Summary of Upcoming Events – MLK Ribbon Cutting is 1/29, Fernbank on 1/28. Ms. El-Shabazz has committed to both.

### ANNUAL REPORT AND CUM. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Members reviewed and approved the drafts. Comments were made on Report – minor edits to be made. There was a discussion regarding the recommendations made by the Committee to community/Superintendent and how it will be presented – decision made to accept the recommendations with attached summary log. Members vote, vote passes.

### AMENDMENTS TO THE BYLAWS

Mr. Lorenz commented he believes that the bylaws should be written to match “an oversight role”. Ms. Avers noted that the importance of the overall financial process, considering the historical issues SPLOST has dealt with in the past. Mr. Rogers states that the Committee does not have the expertise on all issues, but the oversight process is meant to oversee the people that are overseeing the process (URS, DCSD, contractors, etc). It is not for the committee to determine, for example, whether a design is appropriate. Individual Members are not prevented from going to sites themselves, but that level is not in the purview of the committee. Ms. El-Shabazz makes the motion that the bylaws draft be accepted as written. Members accept, voted in.

### MSR UPDATE

by John Wright

Highlights – ADA redesigns moving forward; CHS Ribbon Cutting; upcoming meetings/events

### ES PROTOTYPE UPDATE

by Brian Albanese

### \*ADDED AGENDA ITEM: COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESS SPLOST IV CIP)

by John Jambro

Ms. Avers requested that the Committee be provided the meeting minutes (as pertains to CIP) from these meetings. Ms. Wynn-Brown also recommend that DCSD should make certain there is ample time and opportunity for wider community input to be included in the planning and design process. The School Council and/or those on the Planning Committee for the particular school should be responsible for making certain that input is provided – but DCSD should push for it to happen. Mr. Kerry Williams stated that it looks like people are wanting a public open house meetings. Ms. Mitchell stated school council meetings are opening meeting. Mr. Jones notes that ultimately the school councils are going to have to take ownership of the issue moving forward.

*\*See Word Document*

### CONTRACT AWARD LIST UPDATE

Provided by Mr. Jambro

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### ATLANTA DEMOLITION UPDATE

This will be moved to March meeting, as the representative is not available. Mr. Wright says that presentation can be provided to members to look at prior to meeting.

### UPDATE ON THE ACCELERATION PROCESS

One more presentation will be made to the Committee before the proposal will be made to the Board

### COLLECTION OF MEMBER FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEE

Discussion of the Fernbank community's concerns over the design and the upcoming meeting; For Henderson MS there is an upcoming meeting to discuss concerns. The Committee made a push to make sure the proper people within DCSD would address the community concerns. The policy drafted by Mr. Rogers also has been a response to community concerns.

### NEW BUSINESS

A. Year-end Member survey – is the Committee on track? Ms. Mitchell volunteered to set up the survey.

B. Rotation of Members to Attend Board Meetings - Mr. Jones will get a list of dates and Members will sign up for dates.

### MATTERS FOR FOLLOW-UP

- CIP update meeting and minutes will be posted on SPLOST website
- Committee will get copies of these minutes at the next meeting
- Document features of schools to be demolished
- Fernbank and Henderson concerns to be added to the log
- DCSD will compile list of PTA and school council leadership, list for active projects will be presented at the next meeting.
- Mr. Wilkins suggests using “community feedback” in place of “community concerns” to incorporate all comments, the Committee agreed.

### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on February 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.

Brief introduction by Dr. Fowlkes, giving her background.

### ADJOURN

Move to adjourn at 8:03p.m. Members consented and the meeting adjourned.